

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Ruins on the Creel property

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Stafford Road

CITY, TOWN

Darlington

VICINITY OF

Stafford

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED
☒ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☒ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Col. Buckner M. Creel

Telephone #: 457-4251

STREET & NUMBER

Stafford Road

CITY, TOWN

Darlington

VICINITY OF

Stafford

STATE, zip code

Md. 21034

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: GRG 315

Folio #: 347

STREET & NUMBER

40 . Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

HA-202

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

These ruins are located at the base of the slope overlooking Deer Creek where the John Stump house is situated. They are the remains of four small stone houses, one of which still having the end walls and part of the chimney intact. The stone appears to be the same as that in the Stump house itself. South of these ruins and running parallel to the hillside is a stretch of the old Stafford millrace. Behind the building sites and terraced into the slope is a trace of an old road that apparently ran behind the mill site to the road that now crosses the Deer Creek. Adjacent to this site are the piers to the bridge that once spanned Deer Creek at Stafford..

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

There has been a great deal of early industry along this part of Deer Creek since the middle of the Eighteenth Century. Along this same flat where the ruins are was the site of the Stafford Mill and other industrial operations. John Stump established the mill during the 1790's and it continued to be operated as a gristmill until the 1880's when it was retooled for use as a bone mill. Edward M. Allen conducted the practice of grinding buffalo horns at Stafford Mill and, along with Joseph Preston, owned a flint mill nearby. It was Herman Stump that truly developed the region as an early center of commerce and industry. He constructed a second gristmill nearby, as well as eight fieldstone houses. Stump also had considerable business interests upstream in the areas of iron furnaces and flint milling. The 1878 Martenet map also indicated the presence of a Stump sawmill adjoining the gristmill that Herman built. The last phase of the industrial activity in Stafford occurred in the 1880's when soapstone was extracted at Symington's quarry and ground at Stafford. The Stokes Brothers also managed a flint mill at Stafford Mill during this time. Lastly, a paper mill was also said to have been in service at Stafford. A bridge finally spanned Deer Creek at Stafford in 1870 where before there had been only a ford. This covered structure was destroyed by flooding in the 1890's although the piers still remain, paralleling the present bridge. The decline of Stafford was due mainly to the demise of the Susquehanna and Tidewater Canal, the change in the market demand for limonite pig iron, porcelain and talc and the change in the depth and navigability of Deer Creek.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property is located on the southern side of Stafford Road right at the bridge crossing. It fronts Deer Creek on the south and southeast side of the tract.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul L. Penrod/ site surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

May 12, 1976

DATE

267-1212

TELEPHONE

267-1212

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH

Libre Folio

GRG	315	347	In 1948, Rudolph G. Sonneborn sold the Stafford Mill property of 17 acres to Euckner M. Creel.
DGW	213	501	In 1929, the directors of the Henry Sonneborn Co., Inc., sold to Siegmund B. Sonneborn the Stafford Mill property. In 1919, Siegmund had sold the tract to the said company to be used for recreational purposes by Henry Sonneborn's employees. However, the company folded and the tract reverted to its original owners, it consisting of 42 acres.
JAR	164	173	In 1919, Siegmund B. Sonneborn conveyed the property to Henry Sonneborn and Company, Inc., for the recreational purposes of company employees. The parcel measured 42 acres.
WSF	96	215	In 1899, Edward M. Allen sold 42 acres to Siegmund Sonneborn. The deed mentioned that Allen still had the right to use the canning house on the property until 1901.
ALJ	53	156	In 1884, Jacob Tome sold the Stafford Mill property to the Stafford Company, which was an Allen concern. The tract consisted of 40 acres.
ALJ	51	281	Stevenson Archer was named a trustee over the property as a result of a court case involving Eugene R. Payne and others v.s. Edward M. Allen and others. In 1884, Archer sold a 40 acre portion of the tract to Jacob Tome.
ALJ	43	282	In 1881, Edward M. Allen mortgaged from Jacob Tome 28 acres of the Stafford Mill property. This deed mentioned that the property had several origins.

Preston

ALJ	28	322	In 1872, the Stafford Mill property of 28 acres, more or less, was sold to Edward M. Allen and Thomas A. Hays by John Brown Preston.
ALJ	23	126	Henry W. Archer, a trustee, sold the property to Joseph B. Preston in 1869. Archer's interest was a result of an equity case involving Charles W. Lee v.s. Priscilla Stump Archer. The deed states that it was originally Priscilla's property circa. 1845, except for:

"that part of said Stafford Mill Lot which was at the same time sold by said trustee to Herman Stump consisting of the frame dwelling House on the Mill then occupied by Charles A. McFaden with the yard and garden attached thereto and the land lying between said House yard and garden and the mill race reserving as appertenant to the Stafford Mills the right to enlarge said race as may be necessary... Excepting and reserving also forward during the lifetime of Benedict Waxwood the dwelling House built by him on the south side of Deer Creek with its appertenances and the dwelling House built by ? Aikens on the south side of said Creek."

<u>Libre</u>		<u>Folio</u>	
HD	30	346	Henry W. Archer and Henry Stump, acting as trustees for Herman Stump, sold to Priscilla Stump the Stafford Mill property of 29 acres and three roods in 1845.
HD	26	91	In 1841, Herman Stump sold to Cassandra Stump 200 acres of land near the mouth of Deer Creek, with all water and water power rights. The tract was said to include a new flour mill.
HD	Z	399	John and Ann Archer, Priscilla Stump, Hannah Stump, John W. Stump and James and Mary Williams all sold to Herman Stump, in 1817, their shares of land inherited from John Stump of Stafford, who died in 1816. This large parcel was located at the mouth of Deer Creek, encompassing parts of the Land of Promise, Lynes Tents, Lynes Addition, Rigbie's Hope and Stump's Hope, for a total of 487 acres, three roods and 20 perches.
JLG	E	26	In 1782, Thomas Harrison sold to John Stump two large tracts of land at the mouth of Deer Creek; Lines Tents, patented at 1000 acres and Lines Addition, patented at 600 acres.
JLG	G	276	In 1747 Col. Nathan Rigbie deeded by gift 230 acres of a 400 acre tract (Rigbie's Hope) to his son Nathan. When Nathan died, James Rigbie conveyed the property to John Stump in 1786.
<u>Jackson</u>			
WHD	15	453	In 1865, Richard J. Jackson sold his five acre plot to Edward M. Allen. Jackson had acquired the land through two separate transactions.
WHD	15	442	(a) In 1865, Herman Stump, Sr., sold a four-acre parcel of "Jacob's Lot" to R. J. Jackson.
WG	13	382	(b) In 1865, Herman Stump had become a bankrupt and his estate was being handled in part by James M. Campbell, who sold Jackson one acre. Both of these lots were

part of the tracts sold by Herman Stump to Cassandra in 1841.

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ALJ 32 132

Williams

In 1875, Stevenson A. Williams served as a trustee after a court dispute between Edward M. Allen and Keziah G. S. Jackson. Williams sold the land to Allen, it consisting of seven acres of Rigbie's Hope or Mt. Yoe.

ALJ 29 352

In 1873, William Stump Forwood sold to Edward M. Allen a part of Rigbie's Hope or Mt. Yoe, containing seven acres, one rood and 37 perches. One-half of one acre was reserved for the use of the tidewater canal.

HD 18 220

In 1835, Samuel Cooper Stump bought from Henry C. Stump a large part of the tract called Mt. Yoe or Rigbie's Hope that possibly included the seven acres mentioned. There is little between this deed and the Forwood one to indicate that this seven acre parcel ventured far from the Stump family during this time. Again, it may have been included in the Henry Stump- Cassandra Stump transaction in 1841.

HD 16 153

In 1833, William Stump sold to Samuel Cooper Stump some property. The deed mentions:

"all that farm on the river above the mouth of Deer Creek whereon Joseph Rogers now lives (Except a lot of acres adjoining the aforesaid Deer Creek that he the said William bought of John Stump)."

HD 2 120

John Stump sold his son, William, a portion of Mt. Yoe or Rigbie's Hope measuring seven acres, one rood and 37 perches.

Stump

ALJ 40 13

In 1879, Herman Stump, trustee for the late Cassandra Stump, sold a one-acre plot of "Jacob's Lot" to Edward M. Allen. Again, this was originally Herman Stump property.

INVENTORY NO. HA-202

ELECTION DISTRICT _____

DATE: 4/8/76

TAX MAP NO. _____

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

PARCEL NO. _____

NAME OF PROPERTY: OLD STAFFORD BRIDGE PIERS

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: WEST SIDE
ADJACENT TO PRESENT BRIDGE

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: _____

NAME OF OWNER: MD. STATE DEPT. OF FORESTS AND PARKS

ADDRESS: ANNAPOLIS MD. - OR LOCALLY, SUSSEX STATE PARK

STORIES: 1[] 2[] 3[] 4[] 5[] 6[] BAYS:

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- [] FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten(type?)
[] BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
[] STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
[] LOG ^{COURSER}
SIDE FLARED INTO EMBANKMENT

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS _____

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1[] 2/2[] 6/6[] 9/6[] 9/9[] other[]
pegged[] nailed[] wide[] narrow[]
original[] replaced[]

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: _____
HARDWARE: original[] replaced[]
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES:
original[] replaced[]

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original[] replaced[]

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed[] hip[] gable[]

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER _____ BRICK[] STONE[] CORBELED[] original[] replaced[]
LOCATION: _____

ARCHES:

COMMENTS:

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399 DARLINGTON 2.4 MI 10' 400 401 1040 000 FEET 3.4 MI. TO U.S. 1 OCTOBER 24 1958 RISING SUN T.M. 5.8 MI. TO MD 275

